

**UPDATE:** The Kennedy Expressway's express lanes are now open and accommodating outbound traffic between Diversey Parkway and Montrose Avenue. The express lanes remain closed between Ohio Street and Diversey Parkway. Snow removal will continue tonight, with all of the express lanes reopening and the reversible gates flipped inbound in time for the morning commute.

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## **Kennedy Express Lanes Closed for Snow Removal**

*Full Complement of Trucks, Plows Clearing Snow on State Routes Throughout the Day*

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the Kennedy Expressway express lanes are closed to both inbound and outbound traffic starting immediately for snow removal. The express lanes are anticipated to be cleared of snow for the normal schedule to resume and the reversible gates switched to the outbound direction by mid-afternoon.

Throughout the day today, IDOT will continue to have its full complement of equipment on the roads clearing snow and ice. All state routes in the Chicago area are open to traffic, but many roads remain snow covered, with the potential for some blowing and drifting snow in the more rural sections of Cook and the collar counties. Please allow for extra distance between vehicles and expect travel times that are longer than usual.

Due to the heavy snowfall, motorists are advised to drive with caution and expect narrowed lanes, reduced access to shoulders and restricted turning movements.

Traffic updates are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com). Visit [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com) for the latest statewide road conditions and closures.

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